

BORNDARA

Bicycle Users Group

Rides Supplement June 2014

Ashburton Riders Club

ARC is an informal group of cyclists from (mostly), the Ashburton, Glen Iris and Camberwell area who ride for fun, fitness and good company. We seek to be inclusive of, and helpful to, all riders (male and female) and of differing fitness levels. We have approximately 70 cyclists on our email list.

We have a regular Sunday 7am ride to Black Rock for coffee. However, there are always more rides of shorter and longer distances and on other days. These alternative rides are organised by ARCers posting a notice on the [ARC Forum](#). We enter many of the main organised rides in Victoria such as Around the Bay, the Great Divide Ride and Amy's Ride.

You are welcome to join us for a ride.

Schedule of rides:

Sunday (every week), 7am to Black Rock for coffee (44k)

Monday (every week) Hawthorn velodrome leaving from 8 Audrey Cr at 6.10am, return 7am

Tuesday (every week) Carnegie velodrome leaving 6 Rosedale Rd at 6.10am, return 7am

Other Rides will appear here if advised to ARCer1 via a [Forum](#) message prior to Wednesday 5:00 pm .

Rides start from Ashburton Railway Station car park, west/city side of the track unless otherwise stated.

Contacts: Tony Landsell' email: tony@diacher.com or Justin Murphy, email: murphijj@au1.ibm.com

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre Bike Riding Group

Get back into cycling. Explore the Yarra bike paths. Make sure you have checked your bike is in working order before you come. Rides are between 15km -25km. Let us know if you are coming.

Free - Wednesdays - 9.30am -12pm

Contact: Robin Kendrick, phone: 9853 3126

Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre Group

RIDING IN COMPANY PROGRAM

Bike Ride in Company - Monday

Enjoy riding with other bike enthusiasts on different rides each week. Mondays, 8.30am-1pm. Free with SHNC Membership.

Bike Ride in Company - Wednesday

Enjoy riding with other bike enthusiasts on different rides each week. Wednesdays, 8.30am-1pm. Free with SHNC Membership.

Bike Ride - Women on Wheels on Wednesday

A group that supports women to regain bike riding confidence and skills in a supportive environment. Wednesdays, 9am-12pm. Free with SHNC Membership.

Welcome! We ride every week on Mondays and Wednesdays and meet at 8.30am at the nominated meeting place. A coffee shop is found half way along our ride, mid-morning. We return by 12.30 pm - 1pm and usually ride 50 - 60 kilometres. If the weather is over 30° or raining, rides may be cancelled. You may choose to join in or peel off at any time during the ride. An email is sent out on the Thursday before the ride giving details to participants. Riders are asked to indicate their intention of participating in the ride. In keeping with the Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre's (SHNC) policy, all participants in this program require

membership with the centre, \$8.00 per annum. Cyclists are encouraged to register with Bicycle Victoria www.bv.com.au and explore insurance options or join RACV Bike Assist Membership www.racv.com.au

Participants are welcome to put forward any suggestions for rides. For further information contact SHNC on Ph (03) 98902467 or email: info@surreyhillshnc.org.au

Finbar Neighbourhood House Rides

We are now riding regularly on the third Sunday of the month. Meet at Finbar, 143 Kent Street, Richmond to ride at 10.30am. We try to stick to paths where possible and always include a stop for a cuppa and chat. ALL WELCOME.

Contact Deb in the office on 9428 7668 or 0403 028 200 on the day.

Hawthorn U3A

Hawthorn U3A have three riding groups for different standards of riders.

TUESDAY CYCLING GROUP 9.30–1.00 TUESDAY

Usually commence ride at Sinclair Avenue Campus

The Tuesday Cycling Group rides weekly 30-50 km. on Melbourne bike paths. Two country rides are arranged each year. Participants must be able to ride at least 50 km.

WEDNESDAY CYCLING GROUP 9:00–12:30 approx

Start at Sinclair Avenue, unless otherwise arranged

Group ride for up to 20 participants every Wednesday. For competent cyclists with the ability to ride 60 – 70 kilometres.

MUNARI RIDERS - CYCLING 9.15-3.00 approx. FRIDAY

Start at SINCLAIR AVENUE CAMPUS Car Park [Melway 59-G6]

[1] Weekly rides approx. 60 km on Melbourne Bike Paths. [2] Two country weekend riding trips during the year.

Student prerequisites: Able to ride 60 km at average speed 18 km/h. Also must have suitable road/hybrid bicycle.

Note that it is necessary to join the U3A before joining any of these riding groups. See

<http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au/>

Sassafras Ride

Every Sunday all year. Starts at *Bike Life*, 114 Auburn Road, Hawthorn, near corner of Burwood Rd and the overhead railway bridge, Melways Ref. Map 45 F10. Arrive prior to 7:30am to ensure departure at 7:30am sharp. Arrives in Sassafras around 9:00am and leaves Sassafras by 9:30am Arrives back in Hawthorn around 10:45am.

Distance under 70km from Hawthorn to Sassafras return (includes the 7km 1 in 20 hill climb). Route: Auburn Road, Rathmines Road, Canterbury Road, Boronia Road, Mountain Highway (Wantirna Sassafras Road), Mount Dandenong Tourist Rd. You can join and leave the peloton anywhere along this route.

Refreshment stop: Café *Ripe*, 376 Mount Dandenong Tourist Road, Sassafras, phone: 9755 2100; Melway Ref. Map 66 F9.

Council on the Ageing (COTA) Cycling Group

COTA cycling group

Seniors Bike rides in 2014

We ride 4 Wednesdays each month.

- The 1st and 3rd Wednesday rides are short (20- 30km) to encourage less experienced riders to join us and the route is generally chosen on the day. The 2nd and 4th Wednesday rides are more challenging, (50- 60km).

- We generally meet at **10am** at the 'Place to meet' (see below). A coffee stop is found midmorning! We take our own lunch and picnic together on the long rides. Riders are welcome to join the ride along the way or cut the ride short at any point.

- If the temperature is 30°C or above on the day, the long rides will be cut short.

If a ride is to be altered from the published program including cancelling the ride, you will be notified by e-mail before 8pm the night before. Please check your e-mail on Tuesday evening after 8pm.

- Please contact **Janet Bennett** by e-mail jfbpgb@icloud.com or on **9853 9808** to discuss details.

All riders are requested to join Council on the Aging (COTA). We also recommend that riders consider joining Bicycle Victoria for the insurance and service they offer.

Date	Place to meet	Description	Grade
June 4 th	Southbank footbridge	Short ride	Easy
June 11 th	Southbank footbridge	<i>Woodlands Park ride</i> – Moonee Ponds trail to the Historic Homestead and return to the city. There will be the option of riding back from Bakery at Westmeadows and avoiding the gravel. Coffee and lunch will be at the bakery. Jacana is a bailout also. ~ 60km or 45km.	Hard with some hills.
June 18 th	Southbank footbridge	Short ride	Easy
June 25 th	Flinders St. station for 9.32 Craigieburn train or Southbank at 10am	<i>Craigieburn to the city.</i> We will take the train to Craigieburn and return via Galada Tamboure (Hume freeway trail) and Merri creek trail to city or vice versa depending on the wind direction! ~ 45km.	Med
July 2 nd	Southbank	Short ride	Easy
July 9 th	Mordialloc Station Mel 92 F1 Train dep. FS 9.13am and arr. 9.55am	<i>New Peninsula link trail.</i> Meet @ Mordialloc Station, ride Wells rd. to Patterson River, then the new Peninsula Trail to Mt Eliza & Baxter/Frankston Trail to Frankston Station ~ 50 K. Will need to take lunch and have a quick coffee in Mordialloc before heading off. Ed to lead.	Med ~50km
July 16 th	Southbank	Short ride	Easy
July 23 rd	9.22 am Werribee Train from FS to Hoppers Crossing – arriving 9.59am	<i>Outer West circle</i> Being explored – Richard Hawkey to lead	Easy ~ 45km
July 31 st	No ride		
Aug 6 th	Southbank	Short ride	Easy
Aug 13 th	Southbank	<i>MC Trail out, Ring Rd, MP Trail back.</i> Out the Merri creek trail to the Ring Road, West to the Moonee Ponds trail to return to the city. Bail out at Jacana station. Coffee at Ceres.	Med ~50km with a few hills
Aug 20 th	Southbank	Short ride	Easy
Aug 27 th	Southbank	<i>Trails to Jells Park, Shepherds road to Glen Waverley</i> Out the MYT, coffee at the Kanteen, Koonung trail, East Link to Jells Park for lunch. Shepherds rd. to Glen Waverley for the train	Hard Climbs at times. ~ 60km
Sep 3 rd	Southbank	Short ride	Easy
Sep 10 th	Southbank	<i>A shorter Northern tour</i> Capitol City Trail (CCT) to St Georges Rd., coffee at the bike shop on the trail. Follow the railway to Reservoir then back roads to the Darebin Creek trail. Return along this trail to the stations at Fairfield or Alphington.	Easy ~ 45km.
Sep 17 th	Southbank	Short ride	Easy
Sep 24 th	Southbank	<i>Moonee Ponds creek and rail trail return</i> Up Moonee ponds creek to the Ring Road and back down Upfield rail trail, CCT to the start. Up hill to Jacana station – bail out there possible.	Med ~ 45km
Oct 1 st	Southbank	Short ride	Easy
Oct 8 th	Drive to Ballarat	<i>Ride the Skipton Rail trail(53km one way)</i> – We will ride the rail trail over 2 days, staying overnight in Ballarat. The 1 st day we will ride to Linton and return ~ 60km and the 2 nd day we will drive to Linton and then ride the trail to Skipton and back ~ 46km.	Easy

Oct 15 th	Southbank	Short ride	Easy
Oct 22 nd	Alphington station. Train dep FS 9.39, arr 10.06. Coffee is pre-ride today—take earlier train for this	To the Northern outskirts. Up Darebin Ck Trail to Ring Rd. Streets and paths north through Mill Park Lakes to Mernda Village (lunch, shop). Return by parallel route to South Morang station (bailout option at 45 km). Then through Plenty Valley SC, cross Plenty Rd, back streets to the Ring Rd at University Hill. Down to the Plenty River and Greensborough station. 55 km. Train return. The road riding includes two short sections on Plenty Rd (bikelane).	Med
Oct 29 th	No ride		
Nov 5 th	Southbank	Short ride	Easy
Nov 12 th	Southbank	Kororoit Creek. Bay Trail to Newport (coffee). To Federation Trail, then branch onto Kororoit Ck Trail. Follow to end in Burnside, then streets and paths east to Ginifer station. Train return. ~45 km	Easy
Nov 19 th	Alphington station. Train FS 9.39, arr 10.06. Coffee is pre-ride today—take earlier train.	The Basin. Darebin Parklands and The Boulevard, then Koonung, Mullum-Mullum (pass Ringwood Lake), Heathmont, Dandenong Ck, Mountain Highway Trails to The Basin (lunch, shop). Down Forest Rd (bikelane) to Ferntree Gully station. Train return. 40-45 km.	Med
*Nov 26 th	Southbank	COTA AGM and a short ride. Venue for AGM to be decided.	Easy
*Dec 3 rd	Southbank	Short ride	Easy
*Dec 10 th	Glen Waverley station or Southbank	Lyn's ride. Jells Park to Berwick Village. Bike paths with some gravel. Wilson Botanic Gardens for lunch. Some people might like to drive to Jells and park there. A bail out is possible at Dandenong station on the return. Lyn and Irwyn to lead. (From Southbank is the long option)	Easy 58km. except for Shepherd rd. Hill.
*Dec 17 th	Southbank	Christmas lunch ride to be decided	Easy

*is when Janet will be away

Whitehorse Cyclists Inc

Whitehorse Cyclists Calendar 2014

For public rides calendar see <http://whitehorsecyclists.org.au/index.php/calendar/>

Banyule Bicycle User Group—Rides Program

Rides start at Warringal Park (Melway Map 32 B4) unless otherwise indicated. Visitors are welcome to just turn up. For more details contact Leigh 9432 9720 or Les 9435 0615. Note: rides may be varied to suit conditions.

EasyPaced Ride: Sundays 9:00am, half day with short break, byo food/drink. Contact Maurie 9439 1619.

NightRide: Wednesdays 8:00pm from Rivergum Walk at Banyule Rd pedestrian traffic lights - 20 km on Koonung trails or Yarra Trail to Westerfolds Park. Lights required. Contact: Robert 9457 1980

“Latte Group” Ride: Tuesdays and Fridays 9:30am (10:00am in winter) – relaxed pace with break for coffee/snack/chat. See program and details at <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~banylbug>.

HarderRide: Tuesdays and Sundays 9:00am. Friday monthly (80+km) 7:30am. BYO morning tea. Program below.

June	Ride/Event	Description	Leader
Sun 1	<i>Kalparrin Gardens</i> 25 km	River Gum trail to Watsonia (H1), Old Greensborough Road and cross Grimshaw St. Break at Gardens. Return via Plenty River Trail.	Richard B/ 9459 8648
Tue 3	<i>Woodlands Park</i> 56 km MAP	Out by Ivanhoe, Thornbury Streets, O'Hea Rd, MPC to Strathmore. Woodlands Rd to break at park. Bulla Rd to bike path along freeway follow to Mathews Ave. Mathews Ave to Airport. Mathews Ave to Shopping Centre, Macoma St to	Alan P/ 9435 9421

		MPC. Gavin Park, Kent St, Upton Trail, Bakers Rd, Jacka St, Regent trail, Reservoir St, Darebin trail to Springthorpe & home.	
Tue 3	General Meeting – Watsonia Library – 7:30pm		
Sun 8	<i>Riders' choice</i>	Rider who suggests is leader, otherwise by agreement	
Tue 10	<i>Riders' choice</i>	Rider who suggests is leader, otherwise by agreement	
Sun 15	<i>Glen Eira</i> 60 km MAP	To city and Port. Bay Trail to Elwood then Gardenvale. Bike path beside Nepean Hwy to Milroy St intersection. Take Union St and follow this and Elster path to rail trail at Bentleigh. North past Ormond and west on Leila Rd to Murrumbeena Rd. Then Ann. Trail home.	Graeme W/ 9435 6887
Tue 17	<i>South Werribee</i> 60-80 km)	Cap City Trail to South Kensington station (20 km). Train to Werribee. Ride past Werribee Park to South Werribee, Point Cook, Sanctuary Lakes, Bay Trail to Altona (~40 km). Train return to South Kensington and bike 20 km home.	Maurie A/ 0409 106082
Sun 22	<i>Bundoora Park</i> 40 km	Out by Plenty River Trail (H2), Kalparrin, Springthorpe (H1). Return by Darebin Ck Trail, Wilson's Reserve.	John G/ 9439 3884
Tue 24	<i>Mt Ridley Reserve</i> 81 km MAP	Out by Rivergum trail, Macleod, Bundoora Streets. Ring Rd path, Edgars Rd, Thomastown and Campbellfield Streets. Roxburgh Park, Craigieburn and Mt Ridley paths and streets, Home by Malcolm Creek, Hume Hwy By-pass paths. OHerns Rd. Dalton Rd and Ring Rd path. (Industrial and residential estates) Mostly sealed some gravel. Medium climb	Robert R/ 9439 1078
Sun 29	<i>Coburg Lake</i> 35 km MAP	Out via Wilson's Res., Darebin Ck Trail, streets to Merri Ck. Return by Merri Ck Trail to Broadhurst Ave, streets, Darebin Ck Trail to Bundoora Park, Springthorpe.	John Pi/ 9437 1894

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Tue 1	<i>Braeside</i> ~70 km	Ride to city. Train to Sandringham. Beach Rd to Mordialloc. Link via Waterways to Tattersson Park. Dandenong Bypass and Eastlink Trails to Yarraman. Train to Hughesdale. Ann. Trail home.	Les D/ 9459 2701
Fri 4	<i>East Bentleigh</i> ~80km 7:30am start	Out by St Kilda. Nepean Hwy bike path to Morrabbin, to King George Reserve. Return via Caulfield	Allen P/ 0458 34634 3
Sun 6	<i>Gardens in Lalor</i> 41 km MAP	Out through Rivergum trail & Greensborough Rd to Ring road trail, Dalton Rd, left at David St and streets west to "City of Whittlesea Public Gardens". Return by Hume Trail, Ring road.	Graeme W/ 9435 6887
Tue 8	<i>Croydon</i> 45 km	Ann Trail to Canterbury station. Train to Croydon for break. Home down Tarralla and Dandenong Creek Trails, streets (H1) or Eastlink (2x H3), and Koonung Trail.	Robert R/ 9439 1078
Tue 8	Combined Dinner – Godfather's Restaurant 106 Mountain View Rd (cnr Sherbourne Rd) Briar Hill - 6:30pm		
Sun 13	<i>City Ride</i> 40km MAP	Out by Ivanhoe. CCT. Nth Melb, West Melb, City bike lanes and back streets. Home by Richmond, Collingwood.	Allen P/ 9457 1694
Tue 15	<i>Catani Gardens</i> 55 km MAP	Out to Port Melb and Beaconsfield Pde. Return by Fitzroy St, Albert Park, St Kilda Rd, Canning St & Capital City Trail.	John Pe/ 9439 1913
Sun 20	<i>Alamein & Box Hill circuit</i> 40 km MAP	Anniversary and Gardiners Creek Trails. Some H1 and H2.	John G/ 9439 3884
Tue 22	<i>Queens Park</i> 45 km	Out and back to Moonee Ponds via Capital City Trail, M.P. Creek Trail, Bent St.	Alan P/ 9435 9421
Sun 27	<i>Flemington Race Course</i> 48 km	Out Main Yarra Trail, CCT, through Royal Park. At Zoo follow Poplar Ave. Ascot Vale streets to race course (rest)	Lou B/ 9459 6887

	MAP	return by Kensington – North Melb. - Carlton streets to CCT.	
Tue 29	<i>Williams Landing</i> 41 km MAP	Ride to Nth Melb. Train to Aircraft. Trails to Tarneit and Werribee River back to Williams Landing. Train to Nth Melb.	Allen P/ 9457 1694
August	Ride/Event	Description	Leader
Fri 1	<i>Werribee</i> 100 km 7:30am start	Federation Trail to Werribee, Return by Altona	Allen P/ 0458 34634 3
Sun 3	<i>Epping/Wollert</i> 60 km MAP	Out through Rivergum trail & Watsonia to Plenty Rd & Mill Park streets to Darebin Ck at Epping. Hayston Bvd to Aurora Estate for break. Harvest Home Rd to Hume Fwy & return by Ring Rd Trail.	John Pe/ 9439 1913
Tue 5	<i>Valley Reserve</i> 45 km MAP	Anniversary Trail (some H1 and 1 x H2) to Alamein, then follow rail to Mt. Waverley (long H1) and Reserve for break. Return by Alvie Rd, Damper Ck Res., Swayfield Rd, Chain Res. Trail to Gardiners Ck Trail at Bennetswood. Then through Box Hill to Bushy Ck and Koonung Trails.	Robert R/ 9439 1078
Tue 5	Annual General Meeting – Watsonia Library – 7:30pm		
Sun 10	<i>Maribyrnong via Essendon</i> 60 km MAP	Out by MYT and CCT, Park St and MPCT to Moonee Ponds. Streets through Essendon (short H1 and H2) to MRT. Return through Water Gardens estate, MRT, Ascot vale streets and home.	Allen P/ 9457 1694
Tue 12	<i>Surry Park Box Hill</i> 35 km MAP	Out by Macleay Park, Becket Park, Mont Albert Streets to Surry Park. Rest Home by Gawler Chain Park and Koonung Creek Trail. (Some gravel paths and a Short H2).	Allen P/ 9457 1694
Sun 17	<i>Ringwood Lake</i> 51 km MAP	Koonung Trail to Eastlink (some H3), Ringwood exit to Ringwood Lake for break. Then Lena Gv following railway to Dandenong Ck Trail to Eastlink and Mitcham streets to Koonung Trail home.	Graeme W/ 9435 6887
Tue 19	<i>Boeing Reserve</i> 53 km MAP	Out by Darebin Ck Trail (H2 to Waiora Rd), Cheddar Rd path, Ring Rd, Moonee Ponds Ck Trail to break at Boeing Res. Continue down creek, then Pascoe Vale streets to Merri Ck Trail, Thornbury streets.	Les D/ 9459 2701
Sun 24	<i>Currawong Park</i> 38 km. MAP	Out by Westerfolds Park, Mullim Creek trail to Curawong Park. Rest. Return by Donvale streets to Koonung Creek trail and home.	Lou B/ 9459 6887
Tue 26	<i>Point Cook</i> 74 km	Capital City Trail to South Kensington station. Train to Altona. Ride Coastal Trail, Altona Meadows/Sanctuary Lakes streets & trails to the Coastal Park for lunch. Return by same route.	Maurie A/ 0409 106082
Sun 31	<i>Edwardes Lake</i> 37 km MAP	Out by Darebin Creek Trail and Reservoir Streets. Return by Ring Road, Greensborough and Plenty River Trail (a few H1).	John G/ 9439 3884

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Tue 2	<i>Knox City Circuit</i> 70 km	Anniversary Trail to Canterbury station (12 km). Train to Heatherdale. Follow Eastlink Trail to High Street Rd. Then Blind Ck Trail to Belgrave Rail Trail at Boronia. Train from here or Bayswater (at ~30 km) back to Canterbury, or bike all way home via Dandenong Ck & Koonung Trails (long H1 to Mitcham high point).	Allen P/ 9457 1694
Fri 5	<i>The basin</i> ~100 km 7:30am start	Out by Ringwood, Bayswater. Return by Ferrny Creek path, Oakleigh, Port Melbourne	Allen P/ 0458 34634 3
Sun 7	<i>Riders' choice</i>	Rider who suggests is leader, otherwise by agreement	
Tue 9	<i>Riders' choice</i>	Rider who suggests is leader, otherwise by agreement	
Tue 9	Combined Dinner – Godfather's Restaurant 106 Mountain View Rd (cnr Sherbourne Rd)		

Briar Hill - 6:30pm			
Sun 14	<i>Yarra Bend</i> 40 km MAP	Streets west to Merri Ck (1 x H2). Down the Trail to break at Studley Park. Return by Boulevard (some H1) and Yarra Trail.	Richard B/ 9459 8648
Tue 16	<i>Richmond ~50 km</i> MAP	Yarra Trail to Fairfield and Victoria Park then streets south to Lennox St. Break at Burnley. Yarra trail home.	Lou B/ 9459 6887
Sun 21	<i>Royal Park</i> 35 km. MAP	Out through Wilson Res, Capital City Trail. Return by Upfield trail to Coburg, streets, Merri Ck, and streets to W. Heidelberg.	John Pi/ 9437 1894
Tue 23	<i>Lilydale</i> ~50 km MAP	Anniversary Trail to Canterbury station. Train to Lilydale. Mainly streets route past Lilydale Lake, Mooroolbark, Croydon, East Ringwood stations, then to Ringwood Lake and Mullum-Mullum, Eastlink and Koonung Trails home.	Les D/ 9459 2701
Sun 28	<i>Dandenong</i> 70 km	Koonung Trail (final long climb to the Mitcham high point), streets, Dandenong Creek Trail (flat) to Dandenong. Breaks at Jells Park and Dandenong. Train to Hughesdale and ride Anniversary Trail home.	Maurie A/ 0409 106082

Manningham BUG

Manningham Bicycle Users Group is a group of cyclists who organise rides, campaign for improved facilities for cyclists and generally promote cycling in the area.

We welcome people of all ages and fitness levels, single people, parents, children, and grandparents. We just enjoy the pleasure of cycling, taking in the surrounding views and cafes.

The BUG is not a competitive club, it is a means for cyclists to get together to share their interest. We have social rides most weekends, around Melbourne, some long, some short. Occasionally we have a weekend away for a country ride.

We have a meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month at 8pm at the Pancake Parlour, 550 Doncaster Rd.

Darebin BUG

Weekday Rides

Darebin BUG runs two weekday rides of up to 60km on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These are designed for riders who are reasonably fit and have some riding experience. Information about the destination and distance of upcoming weekday rides can be seen on the Darebin BUG Rides Calendar. These rides usually leave from Jika Jika Community Centre, corner of Plant and Union streets, Northcote, at 9.30am.

Contact Norm on 9484 4767 to confirm the start time and location, or if you are uncertain if the ride is suitable for you.

Weekend Rides for Beginners

Families on Bikes (FOB)

Kids in bike seats welcome! Kids in trailers welcome! Kids on training wheels welcome! Kids on tag-a-longs welcome! Kids on own bikes welcome! Want to ride for fun, exercise and to socialise? Join us on one of our easy rides designed especially for little kids, to one of Melbourne's many child-friendly destinations. Our motto is: No one's too slow; we're always happy to stop for a rest, play, snack, breastfeed or 'til a tantrum is over. Rides take place regularly and generally meet at a Northcote location, though you're always welcome to join us en route. Contact Kathy on 9489 4275, 0410 667 634 or kbrunning@optusnet.com.au.

Saturday Port Melbourne Rides

Weekly rides for those looking for longer, easy rides. Depart from the carpark of Rushall Station, North Fitzroy, at 9.30am and ride to Port Melbourne and back along bike paths, about 20km.

Contact David on 9870 1084

Weekend Rides for Experienced Riders

Saturday Training Rides

Various rides leaving the Jika Jika Community Centre, corner Plant and Union streets, Northcote, near Westgarth train station, at 9am sharp for four hours maximum (back in time for lunch) for experienced riders. There are different destinations each month, with rides going up to 60km and averaging 20-25kmh.

Contact Yannick on 0438 785 450 or yannickvergou@hotmail.com

Sunday Excursions

DBUG runs monthly rides to various destinations, often with a food or wine element. We might be heading to the beach, the RAAF Museum, the Donnellybrook Cheese Factory, or just exploring Melbourne's bike path network, with distances of up to 60km.

Contact the rides coordinator at rides@darebinbug.org.au.

Extended trips

The group runs regular weekends away, usually centred around long weekends such as Easter. Contact rides coordinator Wolter Kuiper on 0404228382 or rides@darebinbug.org.au for details on these rides.

The Rides Committee is looking for people who are interested in arranging and leading a ride, undertaking ride leader training or in gaining leadership experience by co-leading a ride. Contact the rides coordinator at rides@darebinbug.org.au

Please note all rides are free to anyone who would like to participate. After the third ride you take part in, we will invite you to join the BUG. Some rides need train tickets, these are to be bought by the participant. A first aid kit is carried on each ride and emergency contact numbers are taken prior to the start of the ride. Darebin BUG has public liability insurance - please note this does not cover you or your bike. If that is something you're concerned about then best become a member of Bicycle Victoria so you will be covered by their insurance. In the case of an emergency, ride leaders will call an ambulance if required. The ambulance will charge the injured person, not the BUG. This can be very expensive, so it is wise to consider taking out ambulance membership.

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The Crosskeys Cruisers - Strathmore - Friday rides

The Crosskeys Cruisers are a group of retired men and women who meet in the Crosskeys CarPark near the Strathmore station at 9am on Friday mornings.

The rides are decided each Friday and the adventure begins. Some riders go till morning tea while others ride till lunch and then home at about 3pm. New members most welcome to chat and share the experience Telephone Max 93783501 or John 93707829

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Every Tuesday Night: Join the Tuesday night regulars for the "Cappuccino run" from 6.15pm. Meet at the Afton St Footbridge. More details by calling Laura, AH 9337 9839 or BH 9823 1540.

Friday Bike Rides: The Cross Keys Cruisers meet at Cross Keys Hotel car park in Essendon at 9am every Friday the destination is decided on Friday mornings. The majority of riders are 50+ years old and male but anyone can join in. For further details please contact John 9370 7829 or Max 9378 3501.

Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club

Rides Calendar at <http://www.mbtc.org.au/club/ride-calendar>

For information on rides, please contact the Touring Secretary, John Hughes 0402 463 655, or at rides@mbtc.org.au.

About the Ride Gradings Easy: Relatively short distances and easy terrain, with no critical time factor. Suitable for the occasional cyclist. **Medium:** Longer distances with varied terrain. Reliable gears, food, tools and wet weather clothing are advisable. Ability to maintain a reasonable speed to meet critical time factors is required. **Hard:** Long distances and/or difficult terrain. Extensive experience in all aspects of cycling is mandatory. Riders must be able to maintain a good speed throughout the ride.

The Melbourne Bicycle Touring Club meets most Thursday evenings at Trades Hall, 54 Victoria St (corner Lygon St), Carlton South at 8.00 pm (the meeting room is open from 7.30 pm onwards). If you are making a special trip to the meeting, please confirm with the meeting organiser that the advertised entertainment is proceeding, as plans are often subject to change. Details of rides and activities are confirmed at the meetings prior to the event. If you intend to participate, you should either attend the meeting or contact the Ride Leader yourself. On rides that are **SUBSIDISED**, a substantial discount on VLine fares is given to financial members who pay by two Thursdays prior to the ride. To join the Melbourne Bicycle Club, email the Membership Secretary at payments@mbtc.org.au or write to them at PO Box 277, Carlton South 3053

YHA Cycling

YHA Cycling is made up of people who enjoy cycling in the suburbs and out in country Victoria with a sociable group of like-minded people, aged mainly between mid 20s and mid 40s. YHA Cycling is a recreational club, not a racing club, and we do a mixture of day and weekend rides. The group is based in Melbourne, Victoria, under the umbrella of the YHA Australia, and is one of a number of such local YHA activities groups.

Web site: <http://www.yhacycling.org.au/rides.htm>

Meetup Groups

Meetup has a Melbourne branch at <https://www.google.com.au/webhp?sourceid=navclient&ie=UTF-8#q=meetup+melbourne>. A quick scan of this reveals numerous riding groups based in different parts of Melbourne and conducting rides of various types and standards. If you're looking for a group to ride with it's definitely worth checking out.